

The fear that "over the air" broadcasters have toward satellite radio is due to their own lack of preparation. As a former broadcaster, we knew more than 20 years ago that satellite radio was coming. It was discussed regularly at annual NAB Conventions. Now that it's here broadcasters are "up in arms". If it weren't gaining in popularity by millions of Americans, broadcasters wouldn't be attacking it as they are. The free enterprise system does not need to be fixed because of lack of preparation by broadcasters. I have heard the anti-satellite radio ads running on commercial stations and laugh at broadcasters attempt to stifle this new technology because they weren't prepared for the competition. I like satellite radio. I like commercial radio. I listen to both. I like the freedom to listen to both. If one or the other wants to capture more of my "time spent listening" they ought to know how to do that. I benefit from listening to satellite radio and its traffic and weather channels. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I chose to pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support satellite radio's ability to provide the kind of programming that I want and deserve. Satellite radio and my choice, XM Satellite Radio, is a legitimate business that does not need to be shackled as a result of the NAB's efforts.

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